

**West Toronto Human Services and Justice
Coordinating Committee (WT-HSJCC)**

**Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2018
1:00p.m. to 2:30p.m.**

Metro West Courthouse, 2201 Finch Avenue West, Courtroom 207

Present: Patricia Pagnani (Co-chair), Toronto Bail Program; Elana Glass, Duty Counsel; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Saleha Saleem, T.A. Patterson & Associates; Kristin Sim-Melo, CMHA; Kristin Sim-melo, CMHA; Scott Skinner, **Community Network of Specialization Care**

Regrets: Amber Kellen (Co-chair), John Howard Society of Toronto; Mary Ross-Hendriks, Judiciary; Debbie Lynch (Co-chair), CTYS; Daniel O'Driscoll, CHIRS

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

Review of September 25, 2018 minutes

The minutes of September 25, 2018 meeting were approved.

Review Action Items:

Action items were reviewed and completed.

Presentation: Scott Skinner on Community Network of Specialization Care – Toronto Region

- Presentation slide decks will be circulated.
- Mandate: To serve adults with developmental disabilities with complex and multiple needs
- Discussed key functions and roles, target population, complex support coordination, health care facilitator, dual diagnosis and Justice case manager, behaviour facilitator, service pathway, shifting to improved consistency in planning functions, connection across sectors. 70 IQ and below.
- Dual Diagnosis and Justice Case Manager can access the Developmental Service Ontario (DSO). If eligible can access the \$5000 fund. Work collaboratively and support court diversion for people with developmental disabilities and/or dual diagnosis
- Coordinate a continuum of services to plan appropriate discharges and maintain community engagement
- Can refer directly to Scott Skinner, Dual Diagnosis and Justice Case Manager at 647-391-8491

Scott Skinner was thanked for the informative presentation.

Lunch and Learns:

- Domenica Dileo reported on the October 25th Lunch and Learn on Dementia with Julia Chao from WoodGreen Centre and Vivian Ropchan, Defence Counsel
- There was a total of 47 attendees

- Next Lunch and Learn will take place in January on Housing to address factors leading to people losing their housing; what kind of sentence will lead to losing housing? Impact of expectation put on people who don't have housing? Housing eviction and safe beds? Nicole Gilles agreed to coordinate a housing panel for the next Lunch and Learn.
- It was agreed to have the third Lunch and Learn on Autism.

Agency/Organization Updates

- Patricia Pagnani reported on the sad news that Lynda Lingard passed away. Alison Mastenbroek is the acting manager.
- Currently there is no video bail at the courthouse
- It was agreed to add video bail updates as an ongoing agenda item.

Service Coordination Issues/Service Resolution

No update

Updates from the T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC

Domenica Dileo reported that the T-HSJCC met on October 31, 2018

- Main agenda item was the Service Resolution Project. The T-HSJCC reviewed two Service Resolution (SR) Project options for the HSJCC to support and next steps.
- SR project: To identify gaps in access and support for individuals with complex needs in the justice system; Develop recommendations for integration of justice supports into the existing social and justice systems
- Two options were presented. Pros and cons were discussed for Option 1 and 2. Option 1 is to continue supporting the Justice Coordinator role. Option 2 is to explore a Local HSJCC to transform into a SR table. There was concern that Option 2 requires more resources. The committee unanimously agreed to continue with Option 1 but continue to explore Option 2. The T-HSJCC to pursue and secure additional funding to support either option.
- The PHSJCC is developing their three year strategic plan and are requesting the support of the Regional and Locals to conduct a priority setting exercise with their members and submit the identified priorities by December 14th.
- There will be a priority setting survey sent out to the regional and local members. Please complete it to inform the Toronto Regional submission to the Provincial HSJCC.

Action Items

- Domenica Dileo will oversee logistics for the next Lunch and Learn on Housing.
- Video bail updates will be added as an ongoing agenda item.
- Domenica Dileo will contact Peter J. Ackie from Across Boundaries to find out if he can present at the next WT-HSJCC meeting on - conversation on mental health, the legal profession and racialized communities.
- **Presenter for next meeting:** Peter J. Ackie from Across Boundaries: Conversation on Mental Health, the Legal Profession and Racialized Communities.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, January 8, 2019 Metro West Courthouse, 2201 Finch Avenue West, in

Courtroom 207 from 1-2:30.